# WHO'S ON THE HOOK? WELL, WHAT DOES THE CONTRACT SAY?

A Primer on Contract Indemnification and Insurance

#### WHAT'S IT ALL ABOUT

- Indemnification
- Insurance Requirements
- Required Limits
- Additional Insured
- Certificates of Insurance
- Policies, Exclusions and Endorsements



#### LET'S FIRST KNOW THE MUMBO-JUMBO

- CGL Commercial General Liability
- E&O Errors & Omissions
- EPL Employment Practices Liability
- AL Auto Liability
- WC Workers Compensation
- COI Certificate of Insurance
- Al or ANI Additional Insured or Additional Named Insured
- P&NC Primary and Non-Contributory
- XS Excess insurance or Umbrella insurance



#### THE FOUNDATION OF IT ALL-INDEMNIFICATION

- Any protection you receive from the Contractor or its insurer is going to be limited to what they are obligated to under the Indemnification Provision of the contract.
- Indemnification needs to be very broad to provide broad protection, while being specific to what you expect to be protected against.
- Because the indemnification provision will be interpreted by the courts very strictly, there is no sample language that will work in all circumstances.



#### INSURANCE REQUIREMENTS

- · What Kind of Insurance
- How Much Insurance
- · Additional Insured
- Certificate of Insurance



#### REQUIRED TYPES OF INSURANCE

- Specific Policies
- Specific Endorsements



#### REQUIRED LIMITS OF INSURANCE

- Primary Limits
  - Per Occurrence Limits should exceed your per occurrence risk
  - Aggregate Limits how many contracts will you have with them, and what about other business the policy covers?
- Excess Limits
  - Can be used to supplement the Primary limits to add to per occurrence and annual aggregate
- · Ancillary Coverage Limits including Med Only, Damage to Rented Property,



### COORDINATING LIMITS WITH GOVERNMENTAL IMMUNITY

- Governmental Immunity Act
  - · Governmental Tort Liability Limits are based on
  - Per Person/
  - Per Occurrence basis
  - No Annual Aggregate
- Insurance Policies
  - · Liability Limits are provide on a Per Occurrence/
  - Aggregate Limit basis Aggregate is for the entire policy period



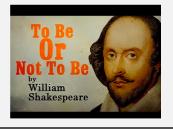
#### **RISK TOLERANCE TIME-OUT**

- · Limits depend on your county's risk tolerance
- · Different for each county
  - Financial Position
  - · Current Elected Officials
  - Public Concerns



### ADDITION INSURED OR NOT ADDITIONAL INSURED?

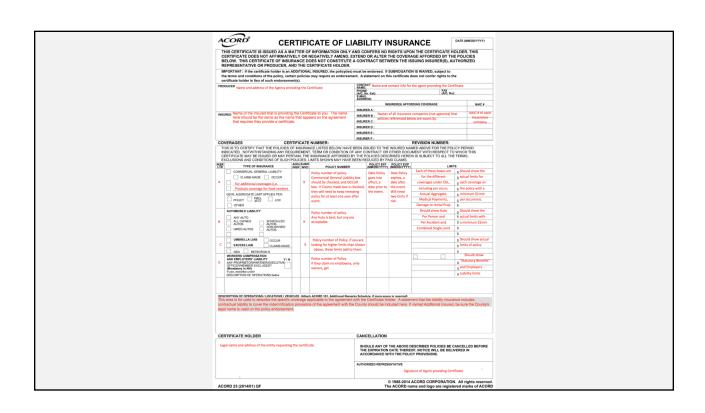
- Additional Insured if you want to send your claims off to an unknown insurer to defend the county.
- Not Additional Insured if you want to control the defense of the claim against the county.
- Additional Named Insured, not unless the contract is a partnership.



#### **CERTIFICATES OF INSURANCE**

- FOR INFORMATION ONLY
- Does not change coverage or confer any rights
- Cannot ask for changes to form
- Cannot name AI without endorsement
- · Only good as of the day it is issued
- Things to look for...





## CONTRACT POLICY & MATRIX YOUR INSURANCE CHEAT SHEET

